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Br Phelps

I rejoice to learn that Massachusetts is to be blessed with a periodical to advocate the cause of the oppressed, that the evangelical part of community can encourage without giving their sanction to dangerous errours. For my own part I have long wished to take a paper of this discription but could not conciensciously take Mr Garrisons

He perhaps would call me a trator in the camp, well let him call what hard names he pleases. I feel that the cause of christ is more precious than the good will of Mr G. [& I do feel that his paper is doing much injury to this cause. For this reason I have discouraged individuals taking the paper. If the Massachusetts Abolitionist should be conducted on evangelical principles I shall take much satesfaction in encouraging its circulation among the people of my charge.]

Please forward me the first No. & put my name on your ~~list~~ subscription list. If on seeing the paper I should like it, I shall endeavour to forward you a few names

Yrs &c L W Clark